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SUBJ: POSSIBLE MALAGASY TURN TO US FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT: WEEKLY "JEUNE AFRIQUE" OF FEBRUARY 15
CARRIES SIGNED EDITORIAL BY ASSISTANT CHIEF EDITOR SENNEN
ANDRIAMIRADO, A MALAGASY EXPATRIATE, TO EFFECT DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR (DRM) MAY BE FORCED BY FRENCH AND
COMMUNIST PARSIMONY TO TURN TO "IMPERIAL AMERICA" FOR MUCH
NEEDED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS IS
JUST WRITER'S OWN SURMISE OR WHETHER HE RECEIVED THIS IMPRES-
SION FROM RESPONSIBLE DRM OFFICIALS DURING A RECENT TRIP TO
MADAGASCAR. HOPE TO REPORT MORE SOON. END SUMMARY & COMMENT.

2. ANDRIAMIRADO'S ARGUMENT, ENTITLED "ECONOMIC NECESSITY",
IS AS FOLLOWS: NO PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR
COMPENSATION TO NATIONALIZED FRENCH BANKS AND THIS HAS CAST
A SHADOW OVER "REBORN FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR
(REFTEL) AND JEOPARDIZED FUTURE FRENCH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE NOT BEING VERY EFFECTIVE IN PROVIDING
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NEEDED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE DRM BECAUSE OF LACK OF
FINANCIAL MEANS IN THE CASE OF CHINA OR THE ONEROUS CONDITIONS
ATTACHED TO AID BY OTHERS. THE DRM MAY THEREFORE HAVE TO
TURN TO THE US AS OTHERS, ALGERIA, GUINEA, SOMALIA, HAVE DONE,
EVEN THOUGH SUCH A TURN WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH RATSIRAKA'S
OVERALL POLICIES. ANDRIAMIRADO RECALLS THAT AMERICAN BANKS
HELPED DRM OUT WHEN FRENCH BANKS CUT OFF MADAGASCAR IN 1975

FOLLOWING BANK NATIONALIZATIONS. WRITER ALSO OPINES THAT THIS WOULD FURTHER CONFIRM VALIDITY OF AMERICAN BELIEF ABOUT AFRICA, WHICH IS THAT ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WHATEVER THEIR INTERNAL REGIMES, WILL SOONER OR LATER HAVE TO TURN TO US FOR ECONOMIC NEEDS FOR (QUOTING AN UNNAMED AMERICAN), "NO OTHER COUNTRY THAN OURS (US) CAN OFFER THE MONEY AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM."

3. ANDRIAMIRADO HAS LIVED FOR A LONG TIME IN FRANCE WHERE JEUNE AFRIQUE IS PUBLISHED, BUT WAS RECENTLY IN MADAGASCAR PRESUMABLY TO PUT TOGETHER A SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE ON DRM ON OCCASION OF ITS SECOND ANNIVERSARY. THE EDITORIAL AMONG OTHER THINGS CONFIRMS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON IN PARIS CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR FRENCH NATIONALIZED BANKS. IT MUST HAVE CAUSED SOME CONCERN TO THE DRM FOR THE ISSUE OF JEUNE AFRIQUE WAS HELD UP BY THE CENSORS FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE BEING AUTHORIZED FOR DISTRIBUTION. WE WILL TRY TO FIND OUT IF IT IS BASED ON ANYTHING MORE THAN THE WRITER'S PERSONAL OPINION. BARRETT

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